

Public participation in implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health

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Introduction

- ▶ The AWHHE was founded in 1999
- ▶ AWHHE staff—epidemiologists, hygienists, etc.
- ▶ The first meeting – 1999, London, but more have been involved since 2007
- ▶ The Protocol requires Public Participation

International level

AWHHE involvement in:

- ▶ Task Force on Extreme Weather Events; Guidance on Water and Sanitation in Extreme Weather Events
- ▶ Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting
- ▶ Working group on Water and Health

International level

- ▶ Equitable access to water and sanitation; Scorecard
- ▶ Public participation under the WHP; Guidance on Public Participation
- ▶ Small scale water supplies

International level

- ▶ Information dissemination in International Events such as WWFs, NGO platforms and networks, etc.
- ▶ Information is available in the website.

Regional level

- ▶ Joint project with UNECE/WECF on public participation:
 1. Raising awareness activities to increase understanding and awareness on addressing water-related risks
 2. Regional cooperation: organization of a conference for sharing experiences and contributing to further implementation of the WHP

Regional level



National level

- ▶ AWHHE was involved in the SC of NPD since March of 2007
- ▶ Financing strategies on rural water supply and sanitation in Armenia
- ▶ WFD principles on example of Marmarik and Debed basins management

National level

- ▶ Parallel processes on Water and Health Protocol
- ▶ AWHHE participation in development of the project on target setting in Armenia in 2010

Promotion of IWRM as a long-term contributor to food security



Providing drinking water supply system



Providing irrigation water system



Cleaning of irrigation canals

Monitoring of the projects



Implementation of Water Safety Plans by Schoolchildren



Promotion of ecological sanitation



School ecological sanitation

Use of ecosan produce



Target setting process in Armenia

The project is supported by Finland.

AWHHE involvement:

- ▶ Logistics
- ▶ Working group
- ▶ Consultations with NGOs

Target setting process in Armenia



Target setting process in Armenia

- ▶ Public participation:
 1. Raise public awareness about the WHP and the project, scopes and targets
 2. 3 consultations with NGOs, with support of the Aarhus Centres
 3. Development of recommendations on target setting based on NGO consultations

What can be done

- ▶ Integration of the implementation of the Protocol as a cross-cutting issue into strategies of the sustainable development at all levels
- ▶ Allocation of separate funds for public participation
- ▶ Extended discussions on shared experience of NGOs

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